

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Union Health Minister launches the Polio Immunization Drive, 2022 ([Link](#))
- Union Health Minister launches ICMR/ DHR Policy on Biomedical Innovation & Entrepreneurship initiative ([Link](#))
- Union Minister of State for H & FW addresses the Western Region Dissemination Workshop of National Family Health Survey – 5 ([Link](#))
- Union Health Minister felicitates “Best Women Covid-19 Vaccinators” on International Women’s Day ([Link](#))
- Cabinet approves MoU signed between the Indian Council of Medical Research, India and the Oxford University, UK ([Link](#))
- Cabinet approves MoU signed between the ICMR, India and Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft e.V. (DFG), Germany ([Link](#))

WHO Situation Update

India

42,971,308 Confirmed Cases

515,276 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

56,257,144 Confirmed Cases

766,846 Total Deaths

World

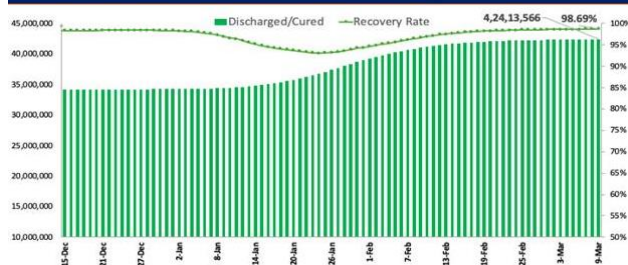
446,511,318 Confirmed Cases

6,004,421 Deaths

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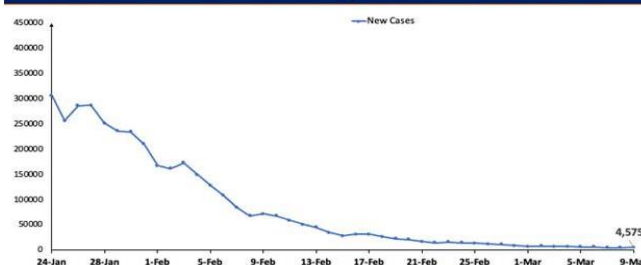
- As of 8 March 2022, India reported a total of 42,971,308 confirmed cases. Since 6 March, India’s daily case incidence remains below 5000; and declining on daily basis.
- A total of 7,416 patients have recovered in the last 24 hours and the cumulative tally of recovered patients (since the beginning of the pandemic) is now at 42,413,566. (Source: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1804193>)

Recovered cases over 4.24 Cr & Recovery rate at 98.69%



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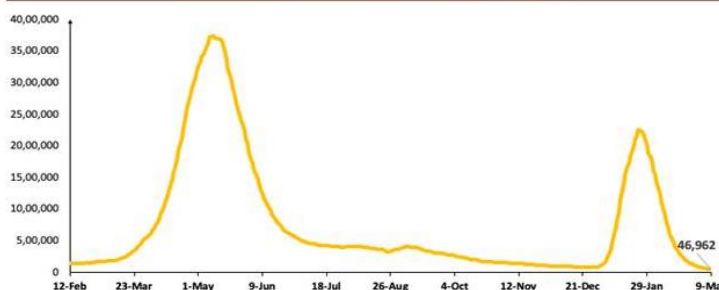
Over 4K New Cases reported in last 24 hrs



- India's Active caseload currently stands at 46,962
- Active cases stand at 0.11%
- Recovery rate currently at 98.69%
- 4,575 new cases recorded in the last 24 hours

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India's Active cases Trajectory



COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

- In the past week (2-8 Feb.), as compared to previous week (23 Mar. – 1 Feb.), all states have shown a decline in cases. Larger declines were reported from Pondicherry (-75%), Assam (-72%), Madhya Pradesh (-65%) and Rajasthan (-63%).
- Top ten districts reporting highest number of cases during last week all have shown decrease in number of cases.

District	Last 7 days Cases	Last 8-14 days Cases	% increase/decrease
ERNAKULAM	2,381	4,325	-45
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	2,300	3,581	-36
KOTTAYAM	1,462	2,553	-43
AIZAWAL WEST	1,439	2,774	-48
KOLLAM	1,198	2,207	-46
BENGALURU URBAN	1,083	2,349	-54
PUNE	1,060	1,957	-46
KOZHIKODE	1,051	2,358	-55
THRISSUR	1,032	1,934	-47
IDUKKI	825	1,421	-42

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- In comparison to previous week (23 Mar. – 1 Feb.), 49 districts have shown an increase in new cases during last week (2-8 Feb.).
- As on 8 March 2022, India has reported 515,276 COVID-19 deaths with case fatality rate (CFR) of 1.2%. Maharashtra has reported highest number of COVID-19 deaths (1,43,743) followed by Kerala (66,307) and Karnataka (39,999).
- In the past week (2-7 Feb.), India has reported 1,253 deaths, of which the highest were in Kerala (974) followed by Karnataka (49) and Maharashtra (42). Two states Meghalaya (100%) & Rajasthan (29%) have shown increase in deaths while twenty-five states have shown decline in deaths. Higher declines were reported from Andhra Pradesh, Chandigarh, Pondicherry, Sikkim, and Telangana (-100% each).
- Punjab has reported highest CFR (2.3%) followed by Nagaland (2.1%), Maharashtra (1.8%), Uttarakhand (1.8%), Meghalaya (1.7%) and Goa (1.6%)

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO Director General call for critical medical supplies to safely reach those who need them, and are working with partners to establish safe transit for shipments through Poland, details [here](#)
- WHO in collaboration with Monash University Australia, Center for Inclusive Policy, HelpAge International, Liliane Foundation, Africa Disability Alliance, Kabul Orthopedic Organization, and Pacific Disability Forum publishes the finding on experiences of more than 140 people who use or provide assistive technology (AT) worldwide to understand the impacts of COVID-19 and to inform better preparation and responses to future crises, details [here](#)
- WHO and the Medicines Patent Pool (MPP) jointly welcome the announcement that the US National Institutes of Health (NIH) will offer several technologies to the COVID-19 Technology Access Pool (C-TAP), details [here](#)
- WHO, FAO and World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) issued joint statement on the prioritization of monitoring SARS-CoV-2 infection in wildlife and preventing the formation of animal reservoirs, details [here](#)
- Heads of WHO, IMF, World Bank Group, and WTO held high-level consultations with UNICEF, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, the Global Lead Coordinator for the COVID-19 Vaccine Country Readiness and Delivery and the CEOs of leading vaccine manufacturers for ensuring the rapid delivery of vaccines, details [here](#)
- WHO issued interim Statement on COVID-19 vaccines in the context of the circulation of the Omicron SARS-CoV-2 Variant from the WHO Technical Advisory Group on COVID-19 Vaccine Composition (TAG-CO-VAC), details [here](#)

WHO COUNTRY SUPPORT: A SNAPSHOT

- Technical guidance shared including emerging evidence on COVID-19 including variants and its sub-lineages. Evidence are being synthesized on weekly basis and shared with authorities at National, States and District levels.
- WHO field officials continue to participate in meetings on current COVID-19 response, vaccination etc.; chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Chief and/or Health Secretaries, MDs – NHM, etc
- Vaccination sessions across the country is supported by and continues to provide surge support for training, microplanning and monitoring; including roll out of COVID19 vaccination for the age group 15-18 years.
- District level workshops on KA, Lymphatic Filariasis, and Leprosy were supported in UP.
- RI reorientations for medical officers, vaccinators and cold chain handlers were conducted at district level in Karnataka.
- Intensified MI 4.0 supported in Haryana, J&K, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana in planning for

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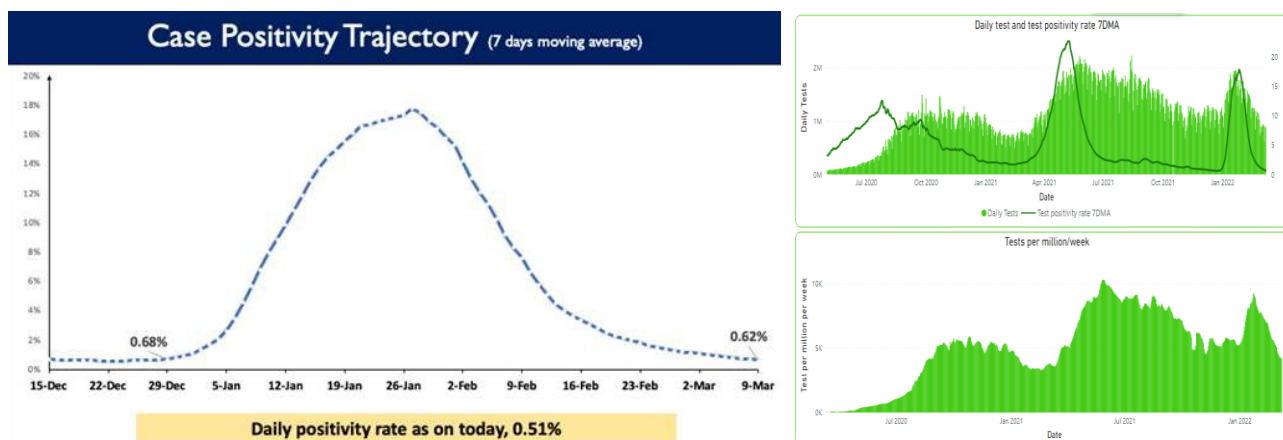
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- National Immunization Day supported in Haryana, Punjab, Bihar, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana.

TESTING

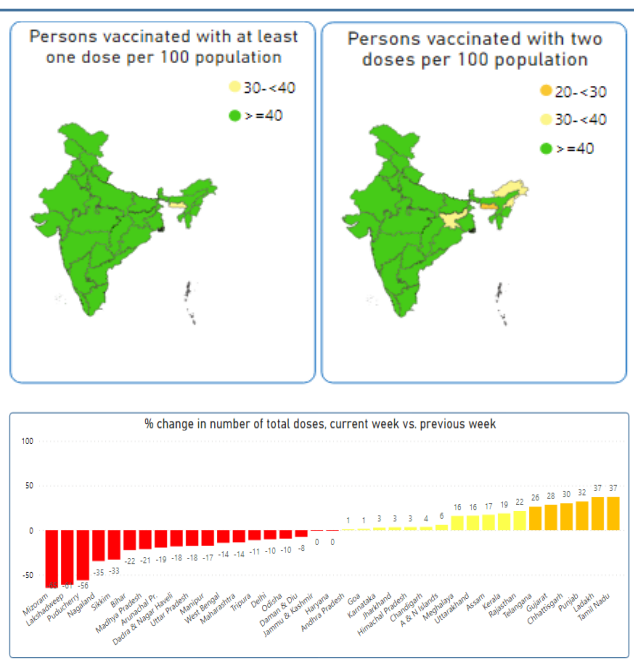
- India has so far conducted over 77.52 Cr (77,52,08,471) cumulative tests; The last 24 hours saw a total of 8,97,904 tests have been conducted.
- As of 9 March 2022, Weekly Positivity Rate in the country currently stands at 0.62% and the Daily Positivity rate is reported to be 0.51%. (Source: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1804208>).



COVID-19 VACCINATION

- With the administration of more than 18.69 lakh Doses (18,69,103) vaccine doses in the last 24 hours, India's COVID-19 vaccination coverage has exceeded 179.33 Cr (1,79,33,99,555) as on 9 March 2022.
- This is achieved with 2,08,48,528 sessions; break-up of the cumulative figures & coverage given below:

Cumulative Vaccine Dose Coverage		
HCWs	1 st Dose	1,04,02,292
	2 nd Dose	99,78,958
	Precautionary dose	42,68,734
FLWs	1 st Dose	1,84,10,832
	2 nd Dose	1,74,66,501
	Precautionary dose	64,41,480
Age Group 15-18 years	1 st Dose	5,55,80,872
	2 nd Dose	3,20,34,392
Age Group 18-44 years	1 st Dose	55,28,59,320
	2 nd Dose	45,16,84,524
Age Group 45-59 years	1 st Dose	20,24,50,051
	2 nd Dose	18,18,71,562
Over 60 years	1 st Dose	12,65,40,606
	2 nd Dose	11,32,63,060
	Precautionary dose	1,01,46,371
Total Precaution Dose		2,08,56,585
GRAND TOTAL		1,79,33,99,555



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- Centre has provided more than 180.30 crore (1,80,30,59,600) vaccine doses have been provided to States/UTs so far through Govt. of India (free of cost channel) and through direct state procurement category.
- More than 15.80 Cr (15,80,54,336) balance and unutilized COVID Vaccine doses are still available with the States/UTs to be administered. Source: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1804194>

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

- Infection prevention & control in the context of coronavirus disease (COVID-19): A living guideline ([LINK](#))
- Interim recommendations for use of the Moderna mRNA-1273 for COVID-19 ([LINK](#)), Annexes ([LINK](#))
- Report of the WHO global technical consultation on PHSMs during health emergencies ([LINK](#))
- Mental Health and COVID-19: Early evidence of the pandemic's impact: Scientific brief ([LINK](#))
- Therapeutics and COVID-19: living guideline ([LINK](#))

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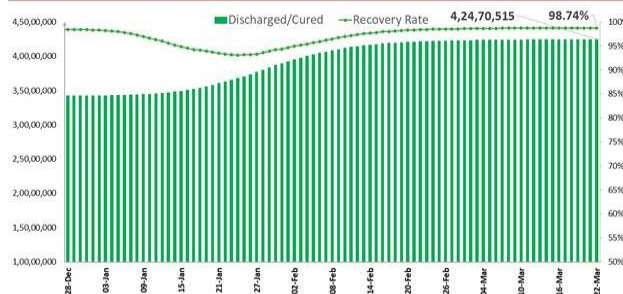
HIGHLIGHTS

- COVID19 Vaccination for 12-14 years initiated in all States/UTs ([Link](#))
- India on the verge of achieving SDG target of Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) of 70/ lakh live births by 2030 ([Link](#))
- Union Minister of Health delivers keynote address at webinar on “India’s Public Health Response to manage COVID-19” with NGOs ([Link](#))
- Union Cabinet approves continuation of National AIDS and STD Control Programme (Phase-V) from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2026 ([Link](#))
- Union Minister of Health launches BRICS Vaccine R&D Centre ([Link](#))

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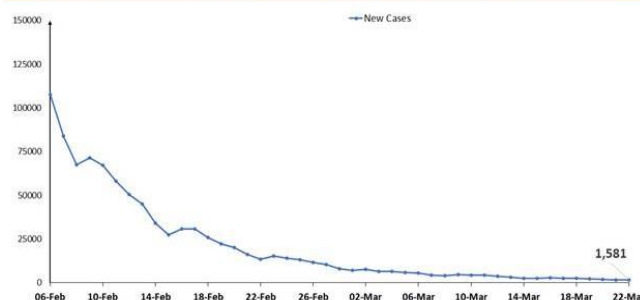
- As of 22 March 2022, India reported a cumulative total of 43,010,971 confirmed cases. Highest number of cases in a day were 4,14,188; reported on 7 May 2021 during second wave. During third wave highest cases in a day were 3,47,254 cases reported on 21 January 2022, since then there is a continued decline in cases.

Recovered cases over 4.24 Cr & Recovery rate at 98.74%



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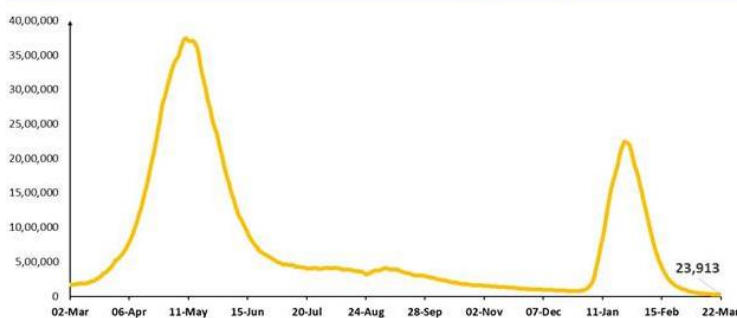
Less than 2K New Cases reported in last 24 hrs



- India's Active caseload currently stands at 23,913
- Active cases stand at 0.06%
- Recovery rate currently at 98.74%
- 1,581 new cases recorded in the last 24 hours

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India's Active Cases Trajectory



COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

- Top five states, namely, Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh have contributed 56% of total cases in country.
- Among the States, Maharashtra is leading with highest number of cases (more than seven million); Kerala has reported more than six million cases, followed by Karnataka & Tamil Nadu with more than three million cases. Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal have reported more than two million cases each.
- States with more than one million reported cases are Delhi, Odisha, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, and Madhya Pradesh.
- In the past week (16-22 March), as compared to previous week (09-15 March), all states have shown decline in cases except DNH Haveli, Tripura & Assam. Larger declines were reported from Arunachal Pradesh (-92%), Jharkhand (-83%), MP (-72%) and Manipur (-63%).

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- During last seven days, 14,909 new cases reported in country with Kerala reporting highest number of cases (5,738, 38% of total cases) followed by Mizoram (1,525) and Maharashtra (1,153)
- Apart from one hundred fifty-nine districts, all other districts have reported one or more than one COVID-19 case during last seven days.
- Top ten districts in the table have the highest number of cases during last week all have shown decrease in number of cases.



District	Last 7 days Cases	Last 8-14 days Cases	% increase/decrease *
ERNAKULAM	1,133	1,543	-27
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	793	1,045	-24
KOTTAYAM	707	982	-28
BENGALURU URBAN	663	792	-16
AIZAWAL WEST	597	1,024	-42
KOZHIKODE	475	644	-26
KOLLAM	449	725	-38
THRISSUR	413	661	-38
IDUKKI	395	631	-37
PATHANAMTHITTA	321	612	-48

- Forty-nine districts have shown an increase in new cases during last week (2-8 Feb.) in comparison to previous week (23 Mar. – 1 Feb.),
- In the past week (16-22 March), India has reported 569 deaths, of which the highest were in Kerala (477) followed by Karnataka (17) and Maharashtra (14).
- Seven states Punjab, Nagaland, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, and Maharashtra have shown increase in deaths while seventeen states have shown decline in deaths. Higher declines were reported from Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh (-100% each). Punjab has reported highest CFR (2.3%) followed by Nagaland (2.1%), Maharashtra (1.8%), Uttarakhand (1.8%), Meghalaya (1.7%) and Goa (1.6%).

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO is working with Kuaishou Technology to combat COVID-19 misinformation and provide mental health tips on how to cope with effects of the pandemic. Resources are available to reach vulnerable populations in the palms of their hands in languages they understand, details [here](#)
- UN Environment Programme joins alliance to implement One Health approach- the partnership aims to accelerate coordinated strategy on human, animal and ecosystem health, details [here](#)
- WHO's Regional Office for South East Asia (SEARO) is supporting countries to boost laboratory biosafety and biosecurity through regular training, details [here](#)

WHO COUNTRY SUPPORT: A SNAPSHOT

- Technical guidance is being shared with States including emerging evidence on COVID-19 including variants, its sub-lineages and updated information on recent surge reported in other countries. Evidence are being synthesized on weekly basis and shared with authorities at National, States and District levels.
- WHO field officials continue to participate in meetings on current COVID-19 response, vaccination.; chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Chief and/or Health Secretaries, MDs – NHM.
- Vaccination sessions across the country is supported by WHO field offices and continues to provide surge support for training, microplanning, and monitoring; including roll out of COVID19 vaccination for the age group 12-14 years.
- Technical support is being provided to State/UTs authorities to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization in Daman & Diu and Dadar & Nagar Haveli, Gujarat, and Maharashtra. This support includes development of technical guidelines, training resources, capacity building and monitoring.
- Support provided to Daman & Diu and D & N Haveli, Gujarat, and Maharashtra in planning for Intensified Mission Indradhanush 4.0

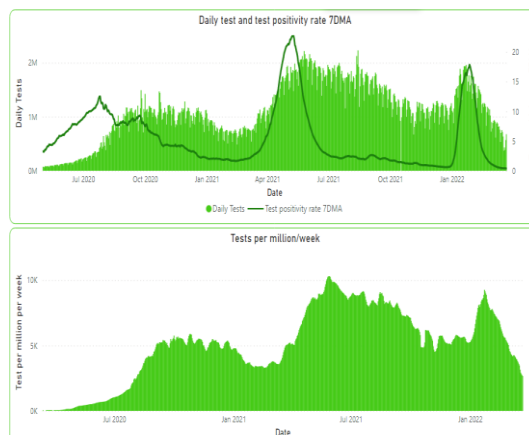
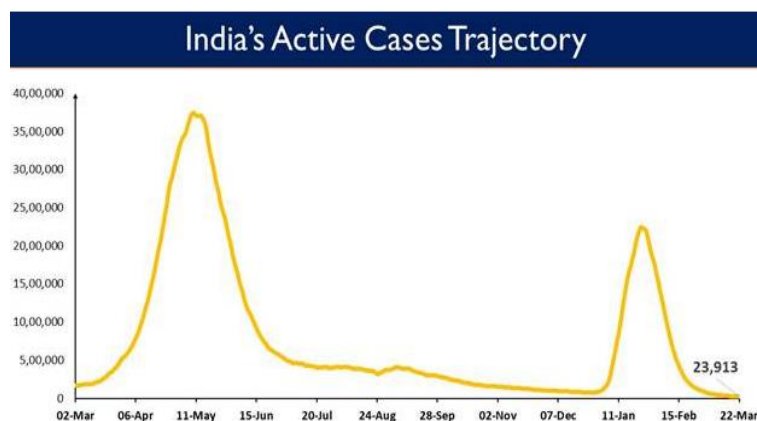
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- India has so far conducted over 78.36 Cr (78,36,13,628) cumulative tests; The last 24 hours saw a total of 5,68,471 tests have been conducted. (Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1807957>).
- As of 23 March 2022, Weekly Positivity Rate in the country currently stands at 0.36% and the Daily Positivity rate is reported to be 0.26%. (Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1808444>).

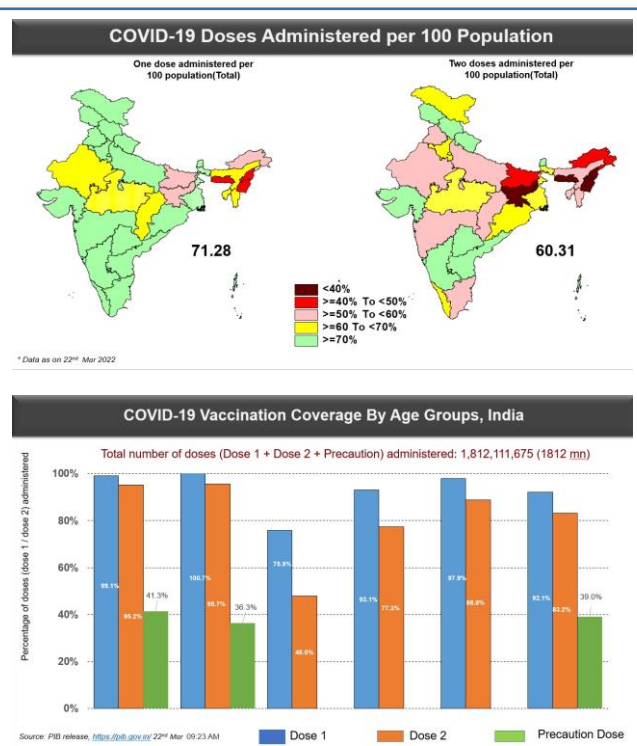


COVID-19 VACCINATION

- With the administration of more than 28 lakh doses (28,17,612) vaccine doses in the last 24 hours, India's COVID-19 vaccination coverage has exceeded 179.33 Cr (1,79,33,99,555) as on 23 March 2022.

Cumulative Vaccine Dose Coverage		
HCWs	1 st Dose	10403246
	2 nd Dose	9993282
	Precautionary dose	4387765
FLWs	1 st Dose	18412433
	2 nd Dose	17494321
	Precautionary dose	6718823
Age Group 12-14 years	1 st Dose	6999528
Age Group 15-18 years	1 st Dose	56488169
	2 nd Dose	36336152
Age Group 18-44 years	1 st Dose	554012054
	2 nd Dose	461355562
Age Group 45-59 years	1 st Dose	202646253
	2 nd Dose	184232692
Over 60 years	1 st Dose	126666525
	2 nd Dose	114753023
	Precautionary dose	11008336
Total Precaution Dose		22114924
GRAND TOTAL		1821908164

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- Centre has provided more than 182 crore (1,82,19,08,164) vaccine doses have been provided to States/UTs so far through Govt. of India (free of cost channel) and through direct state procurement category.

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- More than 69 lakh (69,99,528) vaccine doses have been administered to 12-14 years age group so far. More than 2.21 Crore (2,21,14,924) Precaution Doses for the identified categories of beneficiaries (HCWs, FLWs and Over 60 years) for COVID vaccination have been administered so far.

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

- FAQ: GISRS sentinel surveillance for COVID-19 ([LINK](#))
- Safety monitoring of molnupiravir for treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 infection in low and middle-income countries using cohort event monitoring: a WHO study ([LINK](#))
- Strengthening COVID-19 vaccine demand and uptake in refugees and migrants ([LINK](#))
- Interim recommendations for use of the COVISHIELD™ ([LINK](#))
- Interim recommendations for use of the Bharat Biotech BBV152 COVAXIN® ([LINK](#))
- MoHFW's guidelines for COVID-19 vaccination of Children between 12-14 years age ([LINK](#))

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